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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices paid for American apples on the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, October 9, indicate a strengthening market, according to a cable to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture in Europe. The auction supplies of barreled apples were liberal but boxed varieties were only in light supply. The demand was active for high grade fruit. Considerable quantities of low grade fruit were offered, however. This fruit is coming into direct competition with home grown supplies which are selling at a wide price range, depending on color and quality.

There was a good demand for Virginia Yorks, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock selling at from \$6.81 to \$7.30 per barrel. Virginia Ben Lavis met with a moderate demand, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock bringing from \$6.33 to \$6.81 per barrel. Virginia Winesaps were in especially good demand, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stock bringing from \$8.27 to \$8.52 per barrel. Virginia Staymans, however, sold slowly because of the generally poor condition of the fruit. Virginia Ganos met with a good demand, U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock, ranging from \$6.93 to \$7.42. The Yorks were in moderate supply, but only light supplies of each of the other varieties were available.

Washington Jonathans met with an active demand, combination packs of extra fancy and fancy, sizes 150/175, selling at from \$3.04 to \$3.28 per box. Extra fancy, 150/175's, brought \$3.89. Washington King Davids met with a good demand, combination packs of extra fancy and fancy, 188/smaller, bringing from \$2.92 to \$3.28. Oregon Gravensteins in general were in variable condition and met with a slow demand. Combination packs, sizes 150/175 in good condition, brought from \$2.92 to \$3.16 per box. As previously stated boxed supplies in general were light.

Prices paid in London and Southampton were lower than in Liverpool, due largely to the large supplies of home grown and Canadian apples. Nova Scotian Gravensteins, in good condition, sold at from \$2.43 to \$3.16 per barrel in London. Blenheims ranged from \$4.87 to \$4.99. No quotations are available as yet for Continental markets but the British Empire Marketing Board has suggested that the headway made by American fruit in Continental markets last season is being maintained this year in spite of good European apple crops.

Prices paid for American fruit on the Liverpool auction

Variety and grade		Origin	Price	
			Oct. 2, 1929	Oct. 9, 1929
BARRELS	APPLES		Dollars	Dollars
York Imperial:				
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	Virginia	a/	6.81-7.30
U. S. No. 2, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	a/	6.33-6.81
U. S. No. 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch	"	a/	6.08-6.57
U. S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	6.45-7.30	6.69-7.30
U. S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch	"	a/	6.81-7.30
Unclassified, 2 inch	"	a/	6.08-6.57
Ben Davis:				
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	b/5.30-5.96	6.33-6.81
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	a/	5.84-6.33
U. S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch	"	a/	6.08
Stayman Winesap:				
U. S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	a/	5.35-5.60
Winesap:				
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	a/	7.54-7.79
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch	"	a/	8.27-8.52
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	a/	7.79-8.27
Gano:				
U. S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	a/	6.93-7.42
BOXES				
King David:				
Combination (Ex. fcy. and fcy.)			
188/smaller	Washington	a/	2.92-3.28
C grade, 150/180	"	a/	2.74-2.92
C grade, 188/smaller	"	a/	2.49-2.68
Jonathan:				
Combination (Ex. fcy. and fcy.)	150/175	"	a/	3.04-3.28
Combination (Ex. fcy. and fcy.)			
138/larger	"	a/	3.10-3.28
Extra fancy, 150/175	"	a/	3.89
Extra fancy, 188/smaller	"	a/	3.77
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	a/	3.71
C grade, 150/180	"	a/	2.98-3.04
C grade, 188/smaller	"	a/	2.92
Gravenstein:				
Combination (Ex. fcy. and fcy.)	150/175	Oregon	a/	2.92-3.16
Combination (Ex. fcy. and fcy.)			
188/smaller	"	a/	2.55-2.80
C grade, 150/180	"	a/	2.25-2.57
BOXES	PEARS			
D'Anjou, Ex. fcy., smaller sizes	California	a/	5.35-5.60
Ex. fcy., larger sizes	"	a/	4.62-5.11
Winter Nelis	"	a/	4.38-4.62
HALF PEAR BOX				
Comice	"	a/	2.58-2.82
BARREL				
Keiffer	New York	a/	5.60-6.08

a/ None quoted. b/ Fair condition.

